

HOUSE BILL 3715

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53
and Title 68, relative to food.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 53-1-1___. The department of agriculture shall require, by regulation, that meat, milk or milk products from cloned animals and all food for human consumption that has been genetically altered or modified, including food containing a food ingredient which has been genetically altered or modified, sold or served in an establishment which the department inspects shall be appropriately labeled or notice shall be appropriately given to the public that such meat, milk or milk products is from cloned animals or such food has been genetically altered or modified or contains an ingredient that is genetically altered or modified. Such regulation shall address the manner in which meat, milk or milk products from cloned animals or foods that have been genetically altered or modified shall be labeled or notice of such cloned meat, milk or milk products or alteration or modification shall be given and such other matters, as the department finds necessary to administer this requirement.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 14, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 68-14-3___. The department of health shall require, by regulation, that meat, milk or milk products from cloned animals and all food for human consumption that has been genetically altered or modified, including food containing a food ingredient which has been genetically altered or modified, sold or served in an establishment which the department inspects shall be appropriately labeled or notice shall be appropriately given

to the public that such meat, milk or milk products is from cloned animals or such food has been genetically altered or modified or contains an ingredient that is genetically altered or modified. Such regulation shall address the manner in which meat, milk or milk products from cloned animals or foods that have been genetically altered or modified shall be labeled or notice of such cloned meat, milk or milk products or alteration or modification shall be given and such other matters, as the department finds necessary to administer this requirement.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.